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Job Vacancies, Australia

Results of the quarterly Job Vacancies Survey containing estimates of job vacancies classified by industry, sector and state/territory.

Reference period August 2024

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Key statistics

Seasonally adjusted estimates for August 2024:

- Total job vacancies were 329,900, a decrease of 5.2% from May 2024.
- Private sector vacancies were 294,100, a decrease of 4.9% from May 2024.
- Public sector vacancies were 35,800, a decrease of 7.5% from May 2024.

Job vacancies, public and private sector

		Aug-2024 ('000)	Quarterly change (%)	Yearly change (%)
Trend	Private sector	294.3	-4.5	-17.6
	Public sector	36.2	-5.4	-18.6
	Private and public sectors	330.5	-4.6	-17.7
Seasonally Adjusted	Private sector	294.1	-4.9	-16.9
	Public sector	35.8	-7.5	-18.9
	Private and public sectors	329.9	-5.2	-17.1
Original	Private sector	296.3	-1.9	-17.3
	Public sector	35.7	-9.3	-19.0
	Private and public sectors	332.0	-2.8	-17.5

Survey impacts and changes

Other measures of labour demand

In addition to Job Vacancies, there are a number of non-ABS indicators that measure labour demand using alternative concepts, sources and methods. These are also widely used as leading indicators of employment. Prominent examples include the ANZ-Indeed Australian Job Ads Index, the SEEK Employment Report, and Jobs and Skills Australia's Internet Vacancy Index.

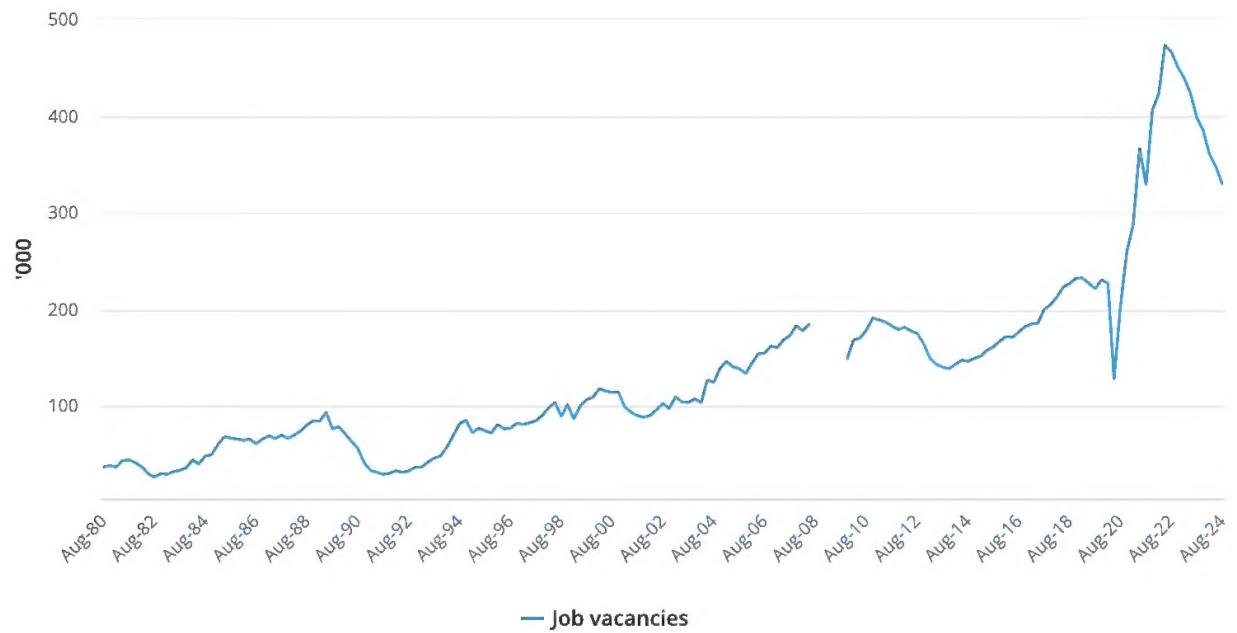
Measures of job vacancies and job advertisements will differ for a number of reasons:

- Job vacancies includes jobs for which job advertisements are undertaken but also includes jobs where other recruitment approaches are exclusively used, such as word of mouth or social media. For example, jobs in the Accommodation and food services industry are more likely to be advertised on social media or in shop front signs. These jobs were one of the key drivers of the boom in job vacancies during the pandemic.
- Job vacancies is a count of every position advertised within a single notice, while some job advertisements may be used to fill multiple positions.
- Most job advertisement series collect the number of jobs advertised over a period of time, whereas job vacancies are measured on one particular day. The difference between these two measures could be exacerbated during a time of severe labour shortages. That is, if a job is vacant longer, there is more chance it will be vacant on the reference date, yet it would still only count for one job ad.

Job vacancies over time

Job vacancies decreased by 5.2% (18,100 vacancies) in the three months to August 2024 (seasonally adjusted). Despite this being the ninth consecutive quarterly decrease, the level of job vacancies in August 2024 remained elevated. Job vacancies were 45.1% higher than they were in February 2020, prior to the start of the pandemic. The ongoing high level of vacancies reflected the continuing labour shortages in many industries.

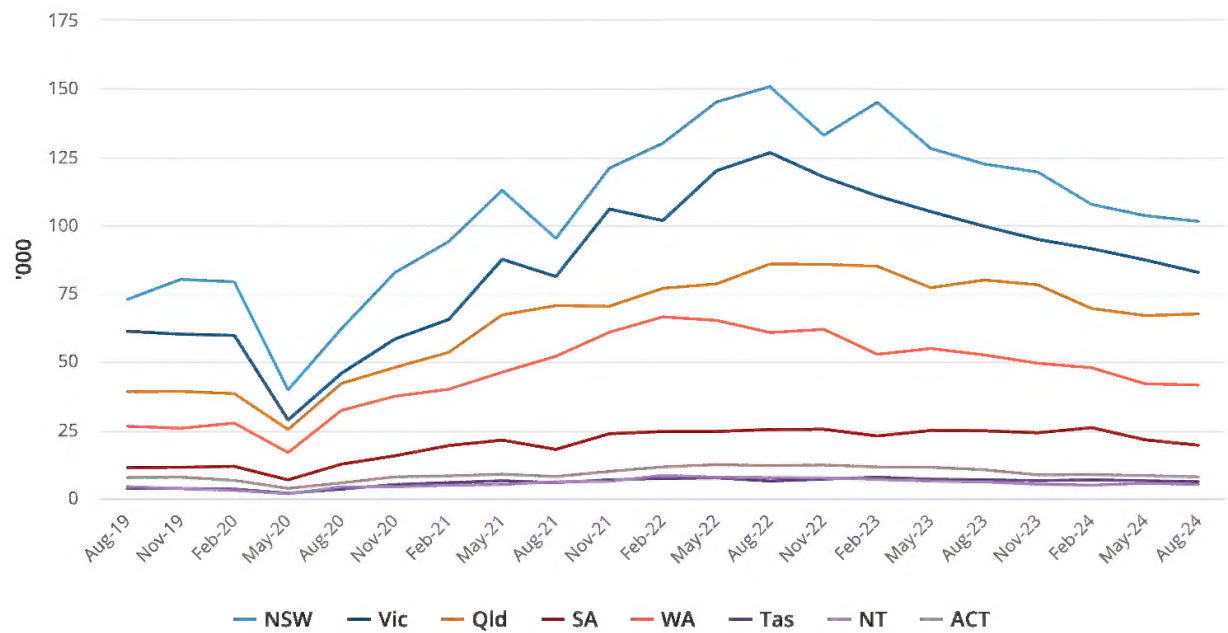
Job vacancies, seasonally adjusted



The Job Vacancies Survey was suspended between August 2008 to August 2009 (inclusive).

States and territories

Job vacancies, states and territories, original

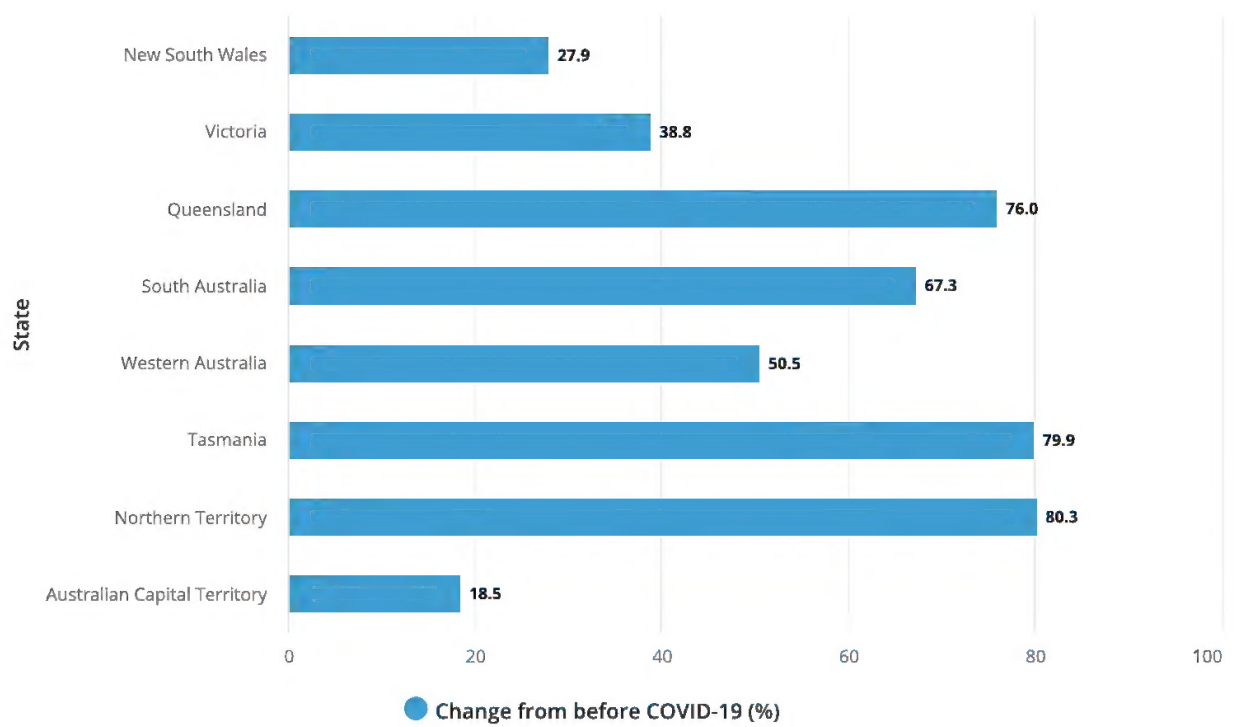


Change in job vacancies, states and territories (%)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia	Australia (Seasonally adjusted)	Australia (Trend)
Change from previous quarter											
May-23	-11.7	-5.1	-9.3	8.7	4.0	-7.6	-8.3	-1.1	-6.2	-3.5	-4.4
Aug-23	-4.5	-5.2	3.8	-1.0	-4.3	-4.7	-4.8	-8.4	-3.0	-6.1	-4.6
Nov-23	-2.3	-4.7	-2.2	-2.8	-5.8	-3.6	-13.9	-17.2	-3.9	-3.3	-5.0
Feb-24	-10.0	-3.6	-11.1	8.0	-3.3	4.7	-7.4	1.0	-6.1	-6.3	-4.8
May-24	-3.8	-4.4	-3.7	-17.3	-12.3	-6.6	15.2	-5.0	-5.9	-3.5	-4.7
Aug-24	-2.0	-5.3	0.9	-9.0	-1.0	-4.1	-6.4	-4.9	-2.8	-5.2	-4.6
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year											
Aug-22	58.4	55.7	21.6	40.3	16.7	8.3	24.9	50.0	41.0	41.7	39.1
Aug-23	-18.8	-21.3	-6.8	-2.1	-13.6	7.7	-21.4	-13.0	-15.3	-14.7	-11.9
Aug-24	-17.1	-16.8	-15.6	-21.0	-20.9	-9.5	-14.1	-24.4	-17.5	-17.1	-17.7

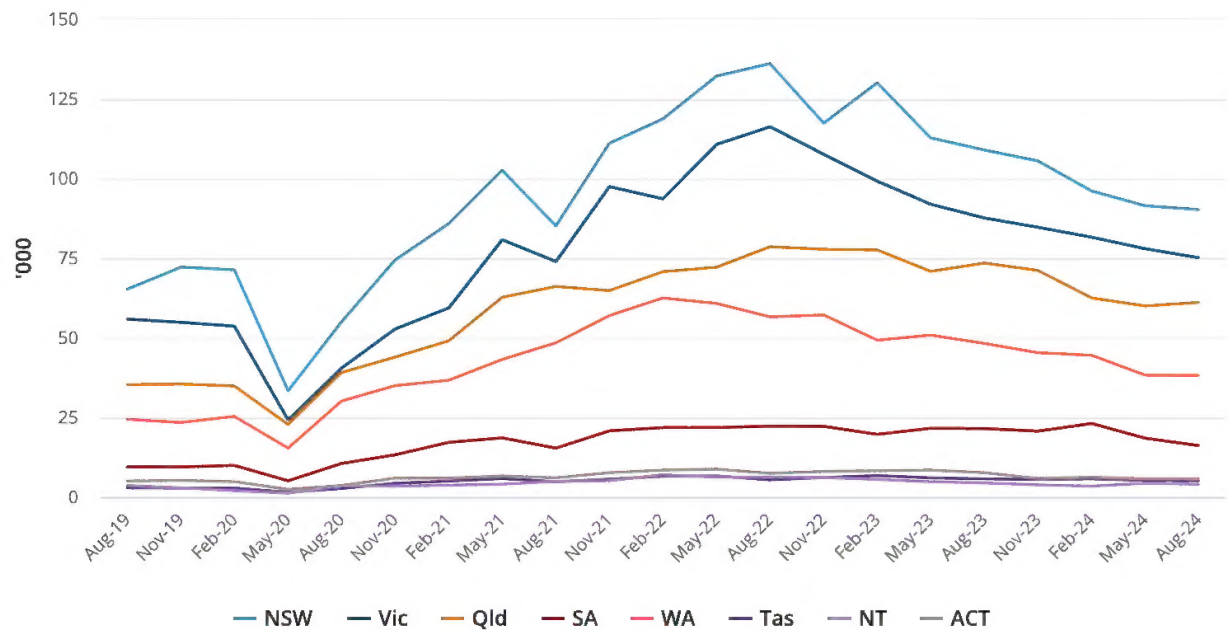
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Job vacancies, change from February 2020 to August 2024, states and territories, original



Private sector

Job vacancies, private sector, states and territories, original



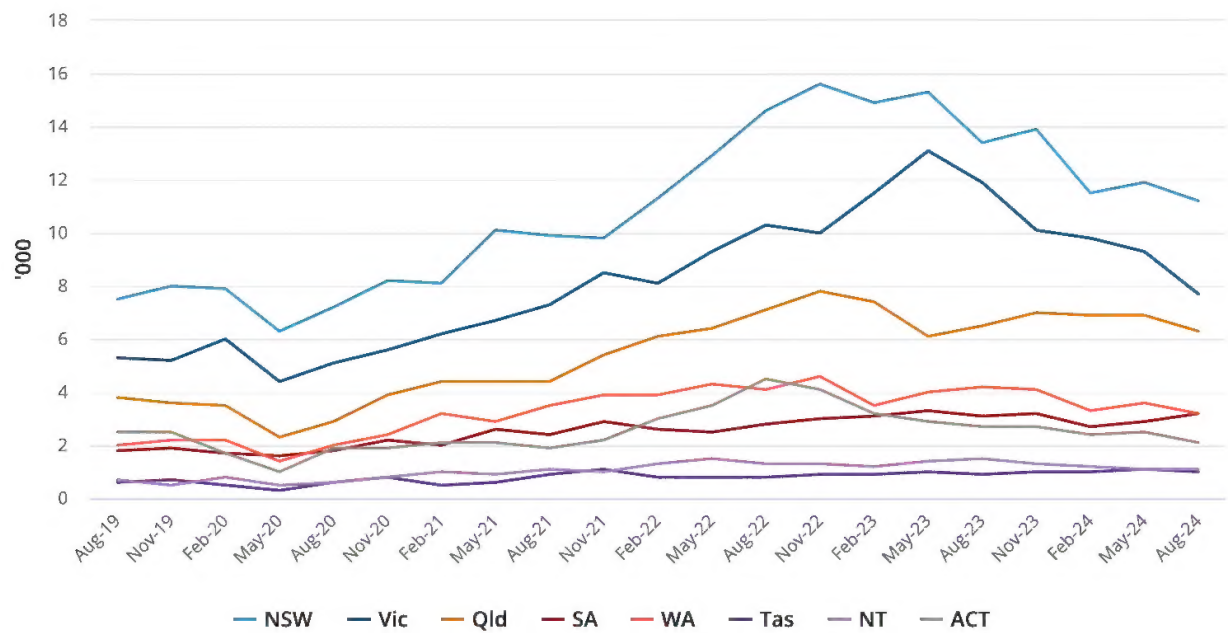
Change in job vacancies, private sector (%)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia	Australia (Seasonally adjusted)	Australia (Trend)
Change from previous quarter											
May-23	-13.3	-7.4	-8.6	9.4	3.3	-9.6	-13.3	2.4	-7.3	-3.9	-4.7
Aug-23	-3.3	-4.6	3.6	-0.4	-5.0	-4.3	-7.6	-9.0	-2.6	-6.2	-4.8
Nov-23	-3.1	-3.3	-3.1	-3.6	-6.0	-4.6	-14.1	-23.9	-4.2	-3.3	-5.0
Feb-24	-9.1	-3.7	-12.1	11.5	-1.9	4.5	-8.7	7.1	-5.7	-6.2	-4.7
May-24	-4.7	-4.4	-4.0	-19.9	-13.9	-9.0	23.5	-8.4	-6.7	-3.6	-4.6
Aug-24	-1.4	-3.8	1.9	-12.1	-0.1	-2.6	-6.8	-0.1	-1.9	-4.9	-4.5
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year											
Aug-22	59.7	57.1	18.8	44.2	16.7	12.3	26.8	23.2	40.6	41.3	39.0
Aug-23	-19.9	-24.6	-6.5	-3.6	-14.6	5.9	-28.9	3.2	-16.6	-16.0	-13.1
Aug-24	-17.2	-14.3	-16.7	-24.4	-20.7	-11.6	-9.8	-25.5	-17.3	-16.9	-17.6

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Public sector

Job vacancies, public sector, states and territories, original



Change in job vacancies, public sector (%)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia	Australia (Seasonally adjusted)	Australia (Trend)
Change from previous quarter											
May-23	2.9	14.7	-17.1	4.6	14.4	7.4	14.7	-10.1	3.1	-0.7	-2.0
Aug-23	-12.6	-9.4	5.3	-5.5	4.1	-6.8	4.8	-6.7	-6.5	-4.9	-3.6
Nov-23	4.1	-15.2	8.6	3.1	-2.3	2.9	-13.5	2.5	-1.8	-3.2	-4.5
Feb-24	-17.0	-2.8	-1.6	-14.3	-18.9	5.9	-3.1	-12.3	-9.9	-6.6	-5.0
May-24	3.4	-4.8	-0.7	4.8	9.4	7.2	-8.6	4.2	1.0	-2.9	-5.2
Aug-24	-6.6	-17.8	-8.1	11.0	-11.0	-11.3	-4.7	-16.0	-9.3	-7.5	-5.4
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year											
Aug-22	47.4	41.2	62.9	15.3	16.1	-13.6	16.5	136.5	44.6	45.2	40.5
Aug-23	-8.7	15.6	-9.4	10.0	0.9	20.8	15.9	-40.3	-3.2	-2.9	-0.6
Aug-24	-16.5	-35.5	-2.5	2.8	-22.9	3.7	-27.0	-21.3	-19.0	-18.9	-18.6

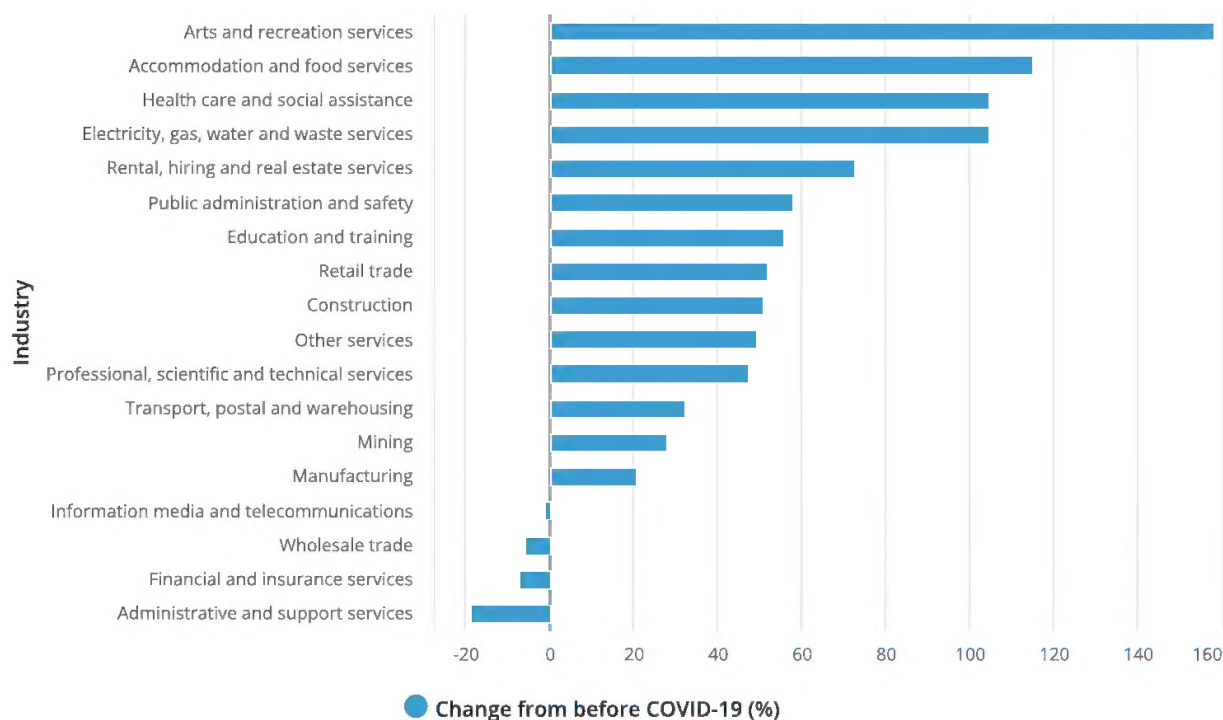
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Industry

Job vacancies, industry, original ('000)

	May-23	Aug-23	Nov-23	Feb-24	May-24	Aug-24
Mining	11.7	11.4	11.5	10.7	8.5	8.4
Manufacturing	22.6	25.1	23.4	23.3	16.4	14.7
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.3
Construction	33.1	28.8	28.5	27.9	24.9	25.1
Wholesale trade	15.3	15.5	14.0	16.2	11.2	11.9
Retail trade	32.2	38.5	37.2	32.1	28.4	28.7
Accommodation and food services	42.5	41.4	38.8	35.1	38.3	31.7
Transport, postal and warehousing	13.4	12.1	11.5	10.1	8.7	9.9
Information media and telecommunications	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.4
Financial and insurance services	13.4	11.3	10.0	11.7	10.9	11.1
Rental, hiring and real estate services	5.5	5.5	4.8	5.8	5.7	5.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	44.7	42.5	41.4	34.6	40.1	38.7
Administrative and support services	37.5	33.2	31.5	30.0	26.0	25.4
Public administration and safety	22.9	23.6	23.8	19.0	21.9	21.0
Education and training	15.9	15.5	13.6	15.6	12.3	12.1
Health care and social assistance	72.9	68.1	67.5	65.0	61.8	60.9
Arts and recreation services	6.5	7.3	7.3	4.9	4.8	5.2
Other services	16.1	14.2	13.5	12.6	13.6	14.1

Job vacancies, change from February 2020 to August 2024, industry, original



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